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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
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1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
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1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
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1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	180.00
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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Robert R. Wood

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A copy of each reference on the PTO/SB/08 is attached.

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO/SB/08 is given in the enclosed PCT search report.

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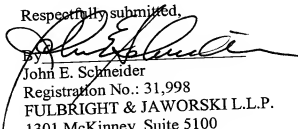
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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

Our check in the amount of \$180.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P02901US1.

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	AA	US-2002/0010100-A1	01-24-2002	Wood	
	AB	US-2002/0091167-A1	07-11-2002	Benko, David Andrew, et al.	
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